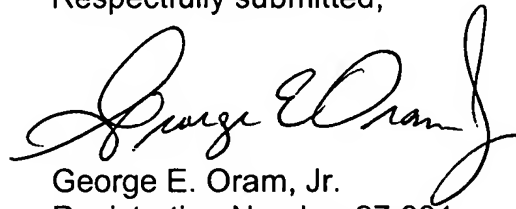


REMARKS

Claims 1 – 18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claim 1 is amended, and Claim 2 is cancelled to place this application into better condition for examination. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is contained in the Amendments.

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